

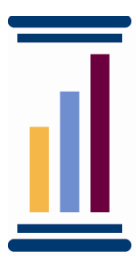
# Entering Students' Experience: BCSSE for First-Year and Transfer Students

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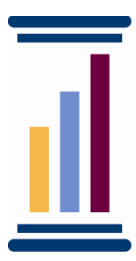
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# We will cover. . .

- Let's cut to the chase... BCSSE is now available for surveying first-year, transfer, and older students!
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- BCSSE 2007 to 2018
  - What has worked well and why the need to update
- BCSSE Survey
  - Purpose of survey
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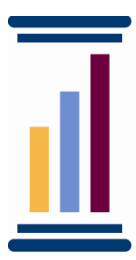


# BCSSE Update

**BCSSE is now  
available for  
surveying first-  
year, transfer,  
and older  
students!**

**Pick up the brochure and read about  
the updated BCSSE!  
Registration opens March 4th.**





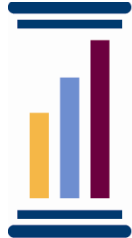
# BCSSE Update

## Why the need to update the survey?

1. Many requests over the years to develop a survey for transfer students.
2. More than 1200 baccalaureate institutions are “high transfer-in” institutions (>20% of their students transferred into that institution).  
(source: Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education )
3. There is no national-level survey for entering transfer and older students.

**Became clear that colleges and universities needed a systematic and comprehensive way to learn more about their entering transfer and older students.**

# **How Two Institutions Use BCSSE and BCSSE-NSSE Data**



# How Institutions Use Data



## BCSSE DATA USE IN BRIEF Improving Persistence and Advising

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#### SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

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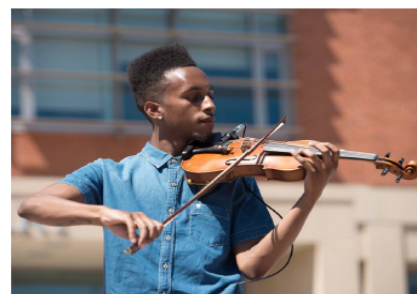
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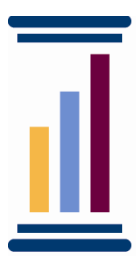
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# How Institutions Use Data

## University of South Florida

- Use BCSSE data for predictive analytics to identify students at risk of not persisting
- New Student Connections and Peer Advisor Leaders offices target priority outreach to these students

Since 2010, improved:

- First-year retention **86% to 91%**, and
- Six-year graduation rate **67% to 72%**

Request PowerPoint slides from FYE 2019 session:

***Leveraging Survey Data and Predictive Analytics to Support First-Year Students***

presented by Michelle Bombaugh and James Cole, Sunday, Feb 17



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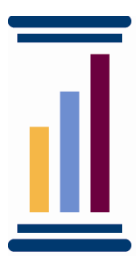
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- FY Seminar instructors receive BCSSE Advising Reports
- Predictive modelling to identify student success factors
- NSSE Academic Advising module to identify issues with the campus's advising practices
- BCSSE-NSSE analysis resulting in a special High-Impact Practice offering First-Generation College Student Living and Learning Communities

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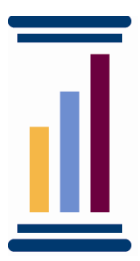
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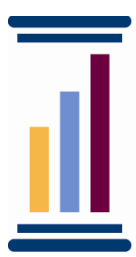
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- How do you currently use data on your campus to improve the experiences of first-year students?
- How do you hope to use data on your campus?



# **A Little History**

## **BCSSE 2007 to 2018**



# BCSSE 2007 to 2018

Since 2007, nearly 900,000 entering first-year students at more than 500 institutions have completed BCSSE.

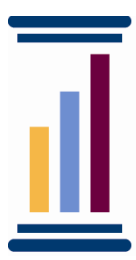
BCSSE results are used in many ways including:

- Academic advising
- Retention efforts and predictive analytics
- First-year program design and evaluation
- Accreditation self-studies
- Faculty and staff development

See Using Your BCSSE Data: [bcsse.indiana.edu/usingBCSSEData.cfm](https://bcsse.indiana.edu/usingBCSSEData.cfm)

and other examples of NSSE, FSSE, and BCSSE Data Use: [nsse.indiana.edu/html/using\\_nsse\\_db](https://nsse.indiana.edu/html/using_nsse_db)

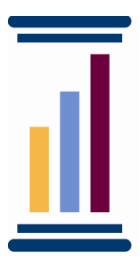
# BCSSE Survey



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Purpose of BCSSE is largely unchanged:

To measure prior academic and co-curricular experiences, as well as expectations and beliefs about participating in educationally purposeful activities during the upcoming academic year, for all **entering students including first-year, transfer, and delayed-entry students who have little or no college experience.**

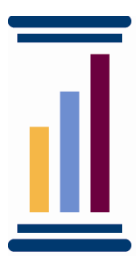


# BCSSE Survey

BCSSE survey now targets three distinct groups of students:

- 1. First-year students; recent high school graduates**
- 2. Transfer students**
- 3. Delayed-entry (older) students who have little or no college experience**





# BCSSE Survey

## FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS

### High School experiences include:

- HS grades, math courses, AP, dual credit, and IB
- Hours Writing, Reading, Studying
- Learning Strategies
- Quantitative Reasoning
- Reflective Learning

**Beginning College Survey of Student Engagement**

We are interested in your high school experiences and how often you expect to participate in certain activities during your first year of college. The information that you provide will help your institution improve teaching, learning and the quality of the student experience. Thanks for your help. Write or mark your answers in the boxes. Examples: ☒ or ☒

Please print your student ID number in the box below. Do not print your Social Security number.

Please write in the 5-digit ZIP code of your home during your last year of high school.

**HIGH SCHOOL EXPERIENCES**

1 Please write in the year you graduated from high school (for example, 2018):

2 From which type of high school did you graduate? (Select only one.)

3 What were most of your high school grades? (Select only one.)

4 To date, in which of the following math classes have you earned a grade of "C" or better? (Select all that apply.)

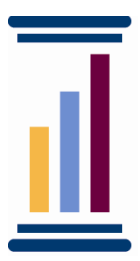
5 If you completed the SAT and/or ACT, enter your scores below (as best you remember):

6 During high school, how many of the following types of classes did you complete?

7 During your last year of high school, about how many papers, reports, or other writing tasks of the following lengths did you complete?

8 During your last year of high school, about how many hours did you spend in a typical 7-day week doing the following?

9 During your last year of high school, of the time you spent preparing for class in a typical 7-day week, about how much was on assigned reading?

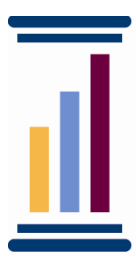


# BCSSE Survey

## Transfer Students Only:

*Experiences at other college or university*

- Type institution (baccalaureate, community college, etc)
- How many credits expect to transfer
- Previous Grades
- Use of Learning Strategies
- Expected co-enrollment (attend another institution while attending yours)
- Why they left the other institution

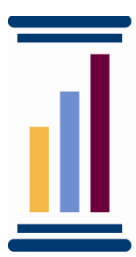


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## Transfer and Delayed-Entry Students:

*Experiences at your institution*

- Why they chose to attend your institution
- How many more years they expect it will take to complete bachelor's degree
- Stress factors they expect to encounter (financial, time management, transition, choosing a career, etc)
- Hours per week they expect to spend providing care for dependents and commuting
- Veteran status



# BCSSE Survey

## Most of the survey is common for all entering students

### Expectations for the coming year, including:

- Hours preparing for class, working, etc
- Student-Faculty Interactions\*
- Discussion with Diverse Others\*
- Collaborative Learning\*
- Expected Academic Difficulty\*\*
- Academic Perseverance\*\*
- Academic Help-Seeking\*\*
- Perceived Academic Preparation\*
- Importance of Supportive Environment\*

\* Corresponds with NSSE Engagement Indicator

\*\* Corresponds with NSSE First-Year Module

During the coming school year, about how often do you expect to do the following?

Ask another student to help you understand course material

Very often      Often      Sometimes      Never

Explain course material to one or more students

Very often      Often      Sometimes      Never

Prepare for exams by discussing or working through course material with other students

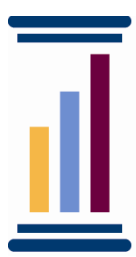
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Work with other students on course projects or assignments

Very often      Often      Sometimes      Never

Talk about career plans with a faculty member

Very often      Often      Sometimes      Never



# BCSSE Survey

## Demographics and additional information are also unchanged

### Other questions for all entering students include:

- Sources for paying for college
- First generation status
- Expectation to graduate
- Expected grades
- Friends also attending
- Choice of institution
- Race/ethnicity
- Other background information

Are you (or will you be) a full-time student at this institution?

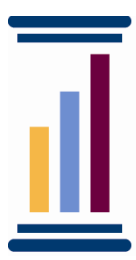
- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

How many of your close friends will attend this institution during the coming year?

- ☐ None
- ☐ 1
- ☐ 2
- ☐ 3
- ☐ 4 or more

This institution was your:

- ☐ First choice
- ☐ Second choice
- ☐ Third choice or lower



# Survey Administration

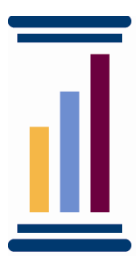
## **Summer/Fall administration:**

- Modes available: Paper (FY only), Web, or Mixed
- Dates available: Early April to late summer/early fall
- Group administration (paper or web) during Orientation, Welcome Week, classroom, computer lab, etc.
- Web email administration

## **Winter administration:**

- Modes available: Web only
- Dates available: Early December to end of January
- Administered anytime during December or January.





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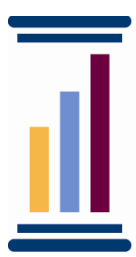
## Web email administration

**\* NEW FOR 2019 \***

**Institutions will have the option to embed student ID's in the BCSSE URL link emailed to students. *This means students will not need to remember their student ID number.***

- This is an institution-driven process
- Each campus will need to work with their own IT dept
- IT staff on your campus are solely responsible creating the embedded URL's and email distribution
- BCSSE staff cannot provide technical details needed for each campus, but will provide information needed regarding survey programming on our end
- More information about this option will be available in Spring 2019.

# Reports and Data



# Reports

## Summer/Fall

- BCSSE Institutional Report
- Institutional data file
- BCSSE Student Advising Report

## Fall

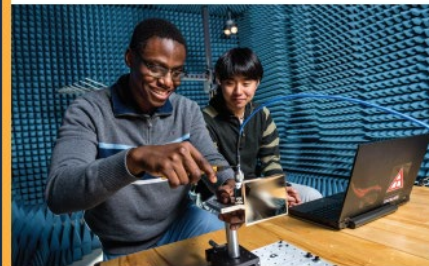
- Grand Frequencies and Means

## Winter (optional)

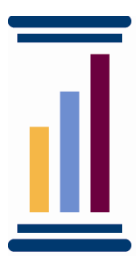
- Institutional data file
- BCSSE Student Advising

## Summer (following year)

- BCSSE/NSSE Combined Report



**Institutional Report 2018**



# Reports

## New BCSSE Advising Reports

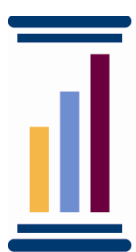
- Left column data targets either first-year, transfer, or delayed-entry students
- Campus registration determines which Advising and Institutional Reports will only be available.



### BCSSE Transfer Student Advising Report

The *Beginning College Survey of Student Engagement* Student Advising Report is an individualized report for students and is designed to help advisors understand how student expectations about college activities and learning might affect their academic experiences. Information about using the BCSSE Advising report can be found at: [besse.indiana.edu](http://besse.indiana.edu)

Student Background		Expected Transition Difficulty	
Name	Jacob Student	How difficult do you expect the following to be:	1 = Not at all difficult to 6 = Very Difficult
Student ID	012345689	Learning course material	5
Exp transfer credits	32	Managing your time	3
Expected major	Business	Paying for college expenses	5
Attending full time?	Yes	Getting help with school work	4
Expects to be co-enrolled	Not sure	Making new friends	3
Veteran	No	Interacting with faculty	4
Expected years to graduate	3		
Prior Educational Experiences		Academic Perseverance	
Grades at prior institution	B+	How certain are you that you will:	1 = Not at all certain to 6 = Very certain
Use of effective learning strategies (0=Very Low to 60=Very High)	48	Study when there are other interesting things to do	3
Expected hours per Week on Various Activities		Find additional information for assignments when you don't understand the material	5
Average hours per week		Participate regularly in course discussions, even when you don't feel like it	2
Studying	11-15	Ask instructors for help when you struggle with course assignments	3
Working	16-20	Finish something you have started when you encounter challenges	2
Co-curricular	1-5	Stay positive, even when you do poorly on a test or assignment	4
Commuting	16-20		
Reasons for Choosing Institution		Academic Preparation	
How important were the following reasons for choosing this institution?	1 = Not important to 6 = Very important	How prepared are you to:	1 = Not at all prepared to 6 = Very prepared
Affordability	5	Write clearly and effectively	5
Location	6	Speak clearly and effectively	1
Can transfer most or all of your credits	6	Think critically and analytically	3
Offers the major(s) you are interested in	4	Analyze math or quantitative problems	2
Quality of academic programs	3	Use computing and information technology	5
Can finish your degree quickly	5	Work effectively with others	5
Flexible scheduling of courses	3	Learn effectively on your own	5
Expected Stress During Coming Year		Importance of Campus Support	
During the coming school year, which do you think will cause you stress? (Note - if more than 3 checked, then first 3 listed below)		How important is it that your institution provide:	1 = Not important to 6 = Very important
1. Transitioning back to being a student		A challenging academic experience	5
2. Balancing school and other commitments		Support to help you succeed academically	6
3.		Opportunities to interact with students from different economic, social, racial/ethnic backgrounds	3
Expected Academic Help-Seeking		Assistance coping with non-academic responsibilities	3
How often expect to seek help with coursework from:	1=Never; 2=Sometimes; 3=Often; 4=Very Often	Support to help you thrive socially	4
Faculty members	2	Learning support services (tutoring, writing center, etc.)	5
Academic advisors	2		
Learning Support Services (tutoring, writing center, success coaching, etc.)	3		
Friends or other students	3		
Family members	2		
Other persons or offices	2		

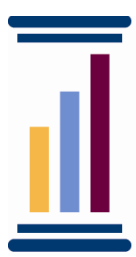


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## First-Year Students

First-Year Students				Frequency Distributions										Mean Comparisons													
Item wording or description	Variable name	Values	Response options	All Students								First Generation				Self-Reported High School Grades				First Generation				Self-Reported High School Grades			
				Yes		No		A- or higher		B+ or lower		Yes		No		A- or higher		B+ or lower		Yes		No		A- or higher		B+ or lower	
				Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Mean	Mean	Statistical comparison	Effect size	Mean	Mean	Statistical comparison	Effect size	Mean	Mean	Statistical comparison	Effect size				
6. During high school, how many of the following types of classes did you complete?(Select only one.)																											
a. Advanced Placement (AP) classes	hapol13num	0	0	17,940	27			8,165	20	9,397	38	7,804	32	9,031	24												
	(Recoded version of hapol13 created by BCSSE. Values are estimated number of AP classes.)	1.5	1-2	19,418	29			11,143	28	8,025	32	7,683	31	10,569	28												
		3.5	3-4	13,512	21			9,269	23	4,145	17	4,734	19	7,937	21												
		5.5	5-6	8,089	12	2.8		6,111	15	1,910	8	2,376	10	5,153	14	3.3	2.0	***	.23	2.4	3.0	***	.23				
		7.5	7-8	4,104	6			3,270	8	800	3	1,131	5	2,708	7												
		9.5	9-10	1,731	3			1,414	4	301	1	449	2	1,172	3												
		11.5	11 or more	1,182	2			916	2	256	1	366	1	738	2												
		Total		65,976	100			40,288	100	24,834	100	24,543	100	37,308	100												
b. College or university courses for credit	hdc17num	0	0	32,619	52			17,719	46	14,433	61	12,110	51	18,471	52												
	(Recoded version of hdc17 created by BCSSE. Values are estimated number of dual credit classes.)	1.5	1-2	15,506	25			9,688	25	5,625	24	5,914	25	8,678	25												
		3.5	3-4	6,707	11			4,834	13	1,820	8	2,530	11	3,795	11												
		5.5	5-6	3,047	5	1.8		2,346	6	671	3	1,130	5	1,742	5	2.1	1.3	**	.14	1.8	1.8	***	.01				
		7.5	7-8	1,508	2			1,205	3	286	1	565	2	868	2												
		9.5	9-10	894	1			698	2	187	1	336	1	508	1												
		11.5	11 or more	2,529	4			1,782	5	719	3	1,076	5	1,324	4												
		Total		62,810	100			38,272	100	23,741	100	23,661	100	35,386	100												
c. International Baccalaureate (IB)	hib17num	0	0	55,026	93			33,279	93	21,133	94	20,791	94	30,998	93												
	(Recoded version of hib17 created by BCSSE. Values are estimated number of international baccalaureate classes.)	1.5	1-2	1,079	2			619	2	446	2	406	2	615	2												
		3.5	3-4	512	1			317	1	189	1	186	1	298	1												
		5.5	5-6	959	2	0.4		572	2	298	1	271	1	647	2	0.4	0.3	***	.01	0.3	0.4	***	.02				
		7.5	7-8	824	1			538	2	250	1	246	1	527	2												
		9.5	9-10	207	0			125	0	81	0	74	0	123	0												
		11.5	11 or more	451	1			267	1	176	1	167	1	257	1												
		Total		59,058	100			35,717	100	22,573	100	22,141	100	33,465	100												



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## Transfer Students

### BCSSE Scales<sup>a</sup>

#### Learning Strategies

*Use of effective learning strategies at prior institution*

TR\_LS

All Students		
Variable	Mean	SD
TR_LS	38.4	12.8

First-Generation <sup>d</sup>	
Yes	No
37.8	40.2

Self-Reported Previous Grades		
A- or higher	B+ or lower	ES
38.9	38.4	.03

#### Collaborative Learning

*Expectation to interact and collaborate with peers*

EXP\_CL

Variable	Mean	SD
EXP_CL	31.3	12.5

Yes	No
32.5	30.5

A- or higher	B+ or lower	ES
30.0	31.9	-.16

#### Student-Faculty Interaction

*Expectation to interact and engage with faculty*

EXP\_SFI

Variable	Mean	SD
EXP_SFI	32.6	13.3

Yes	No
33.5	31.4

A- or higher	B+ or lower	ES
30.9	32.9	-.14

#### Expected Discussions with Diverse Others

*Expectation to engage in discussions with diverse others*

EXP\_DD

Variable	Mean	SD
EXP_DD	44.1	16.0

Yes	No
44.1	43.8

A- or higher	B+ or lower	ES
44.0	44.4	-.02

#### Expected Academic Perseverance

*Student certainty that they will persist in the face of academic adversity*

EXP\_PER

Variable	Mean	SD
EXP_PER	45.2	11.8

Yes	No
44.6	43.7

A- or higher	B+ or lower	ES
47.7	43.7 *	.33

#### Expected Academic Difficulty

*Expected academic difficulty during the coming year*

EXP\_DIF

Variable	Mean	SD
EXP_DIF	25.0	11.5

Yes	No
25.2	24.4

A- or higher	B+ or lower	ES
22.0	25.9 *	-.36

#### Perceived Academic Preparation

*Student perception of their academic preparation*

PER\_PREP

Variable	Mean	SD
PER_PREP	48.5	10.8

Yes	No
48.2	47.4

A- or higher	B+ or lower	ES
50.2	47.2	.27

#### Importance of Campus Environment

*Student-rated importance that the institution provides a challenging and supportive environment*

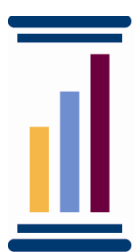
IMP\_CAMP

Variable	Mean	SD
IMP_CAMP	43.6	11.4

Yes	No
43.7	43.1

A- or higher	B+ or lower	ES
45.7	43.0	.23





# Reports

## Winter administration data and reports include:

1. Data-download of student data
2. Student Advising Reports

BCSSE Institutional Report examples:  
[bcsse.indiana.edu/institutionalReports.cfm](https://bcsse.indiana.edu/institutionalReports.cfm)

Also, Summary Tables reported by institution type and control  
[bcsse.indiana.edu/summary\\_tables.cfm](https://bcsse.indiana.edu/summary_tables.cfm)



## BCSSE First-Year Student Advising Report

The *Beginning College Survey of Student Engagement* Student Advising Report is an individualized report for students and is designed to help advisors understand how student expectations about college activities and learning might affect their actual first-year experiences. Information about using the BCSSE Advising report can be found at: [bcsse.indiana.edu](https://bcsse.indiana.edu)

Student Background		
Name	Jacob Student	
Student ID	012345689	
Completed Calculus	Yes	
AP courses	3-4	
Expected Major	Undecided	
What choice was this institution?	Second choice	
Does student expect to graduate from this institution?	Yes	

Hours per Week on Various Activities		
Hours per week:	During HS	FY Expected
Studying	6-10	16-20
Working	1-5	6-10
Co-curricular	1-5	0
Socializing/relaxing	11-15	11-15

High School Challenge	
To what extent, did your courses challenge you to do your best work?	5
1=Not at all to 7=Very much	

First-Year Expectations	
0=Very Low to 60=Very High	
Student-Faculty Interaction (Discuss career plans and academic performance, etc.)	45
Interaction with Diverse Others (Discussions with people of a different race/ethnicity, religious beliefs, etc.)	25
Peer Collaboration (Work with other students on course projects; Prepare for exams by discussing material with other students, etc.)	30

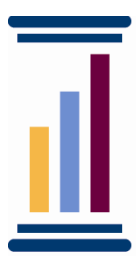
Expected Academic Help-Seeking	
1=Never; 2=Sometimes; 3=Often; 4=Very Often	
How often expect to seek help with coursework from:	
Faculty members	3
Academic advisors	2
Learning Support Services (tutoring, writing center, success coaching, etc.)	2
Friends or other students	4
Family members	2
Other persons or offices	1

Expected Transition Difficulty	
How difficult do you expect the following to be: 1 = Not at all difficult to 6 = Very Difficult	
Learning course material	5
Managing your time	3
Paying for college expenses	5
Getting help with school work	4
Making new friends	3
Interacting with faculty	4

Academic Perseverance	
How certain are you that you will: 1 = Not at all certain to 6 = Very certain	
Study when there are other interesting things to do	3
Find additional information for assignments when you don't understand the material	5
Participate regularly in course discussions, even when you don't feel like it	2
Ask instructors for help when you struggle with course assignments	3
Finish something you have started when you encounter challenges	2
Stay positive, even when you do poorly on a test or assignment	4

Academic Preparation	
How prepared are you to: 1 = Not at all prepared to 6 = Very prepared	
Write clearly and effectively	5
Speak clearly and effectively	1
Think critically and analytically	3
Analyze math or quantitative problems	2
Use computing and information technology	5
Work effectively with others	5
Learn effectively on your own	5

Importance of Campus Support	
How important is it that your institution provide: 1 = Not important to 6 = Very important	
A challenging academic experience	5
Support to help you succeed academically	6
Opportunities to interact with students from different economic, social, racial/ethnic backgrounds	3
Assistance coping with non-academic responsibilities	3
Support to help you thrive socially	4
Learning support services (tutoring, writing center, etc.)	5

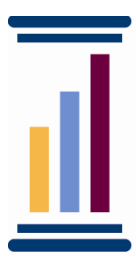


# Institutional Data Use

## Each campus receives:

1. Complete preliminary data file
  - Available within hours (web), or shortly after surveys are scanned (paper)
2. Complete final data file
  - Available after administration closes along with your institutional report

**Data files include student names and ID's that allows you to connect to other institutional records.**



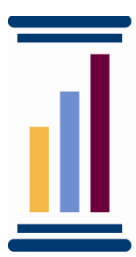
# Institutional Data Use

**First-Year students enter with a range of expectations that can impact how students engage during the coming year.**

One such example. . .

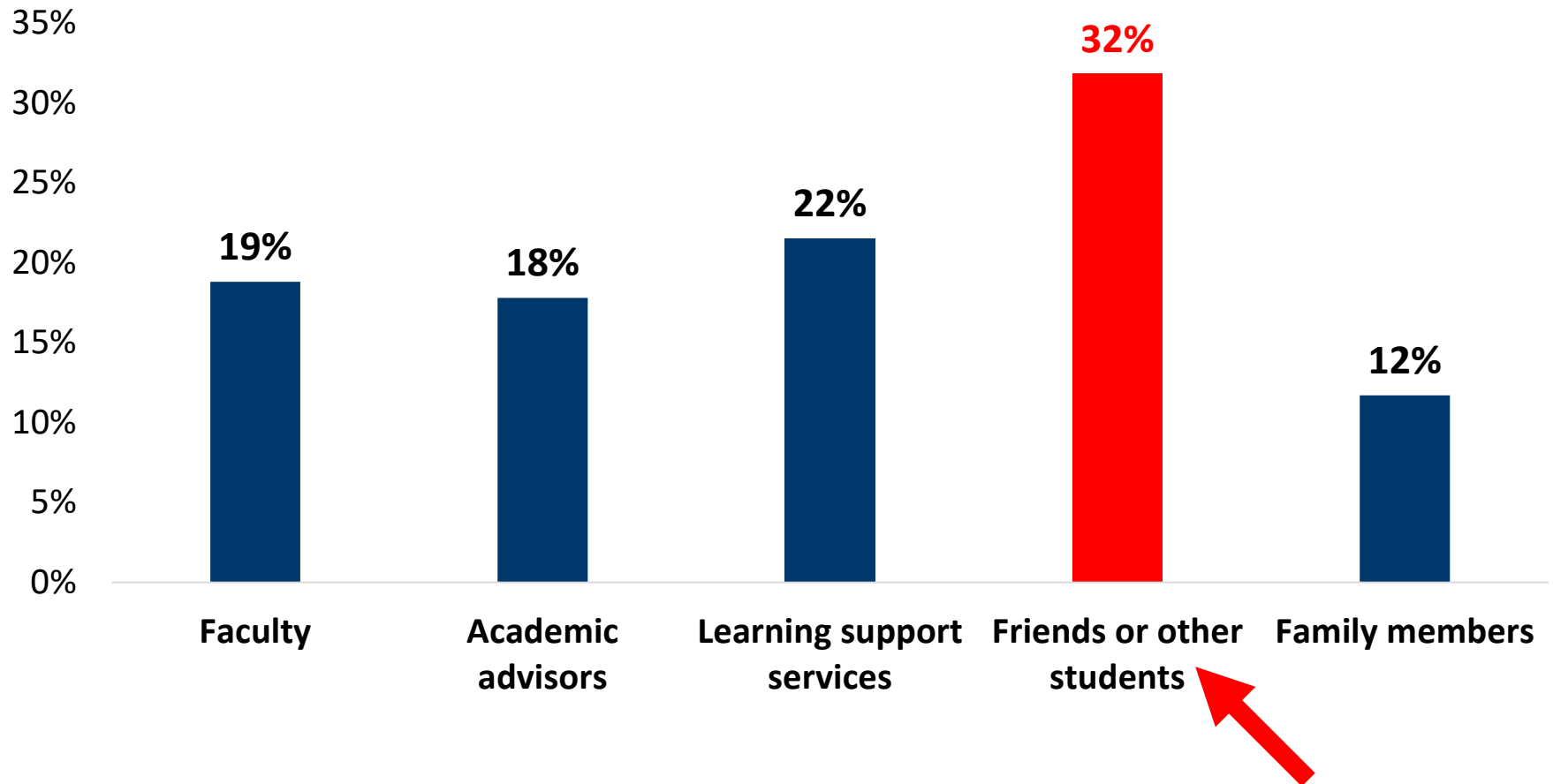
**“During the coming school year, about how often do you expect to seek help with coursework from the following sources?”**

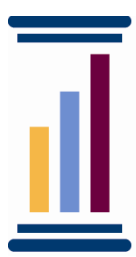
- \_Faculty members**
- \_Academic advisors**
- \_Learning support services**
- \_Friends or other students**
- \_Family members**



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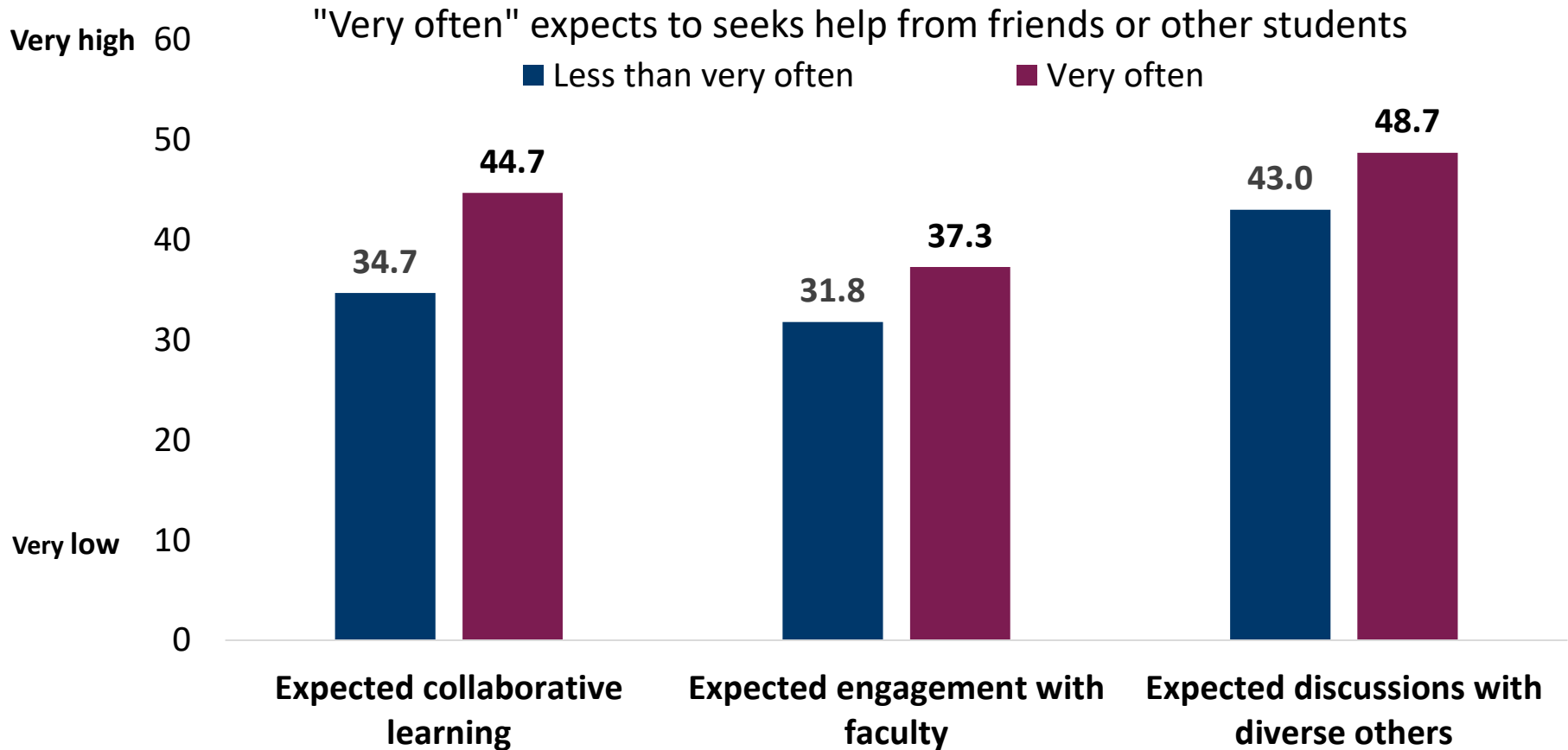
Which source below did most students indicate “very often”?





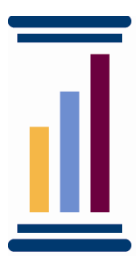
# Institutional Data Use

The positive is that these 32% of FY students are also expecting high engagement with peers and faculty



# BCSSE as a Complement to NSSE



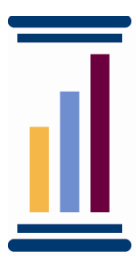


# BCSSE as a Complement to NSSE

## National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE)

- ❖ Administered annually at hundreds of baccalaureate level institutions across the US.
- ❖ Since 2000, approximately 6.0 million first-year and senior students enrolled at more than 1,600 institutions have completed NSSE.





# BCSSE as a Complement to NSSE

NSSE collects data representing a breadth of student engagement behaviors, including 10 Engagement Indicators and 6 High Impact Practices.

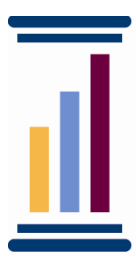
## Engagement Indicators

- Higher-Order Learning
- Reflective & Integrative Learning
- Learning Strategies
- Quantitative Reasoning
- Collaborative Learning
- Discussions w/Diverse Others
- Student-Faculty Interaction
- Effective Teaching Practices
- Quality of Interactions
- Supportive Environment

## High Impact Practices

- Learning community
- Internship, co-op, etc
- Work w/faculty on research project
- Service Learning
- Study abroad
- Culminating senior experience



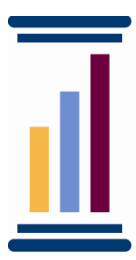


# BCSSE as a Complement to NSSE

**BCSSE-NSSE data also allows you dig deeply into the experiences of your FY students.**

*For instance. . . **What if you observed that BCSSE results revealed most students had low expectations for interacting with faculty and peers, and your NSSE data displayed this same trend in the first year (low Stu-Fac and peer interactions) in comparison to similar institutions.***

- **What might this suggest for Orientation or for First-Year Experience programs? Or for Faculty Development?**



# BCSSE as a Complement to NSSE

## NSSE Topical Modules

1. Academic Advising (**Updated 2019**)
2. Civic Engagement
3. Development of Transferable Skills
4. Learning with Technology
5. Experiences with Writing
6. Experiences with Information Literacy
7. First-Year Experiences and Senior Transitions
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NSSE Surveys: [nsse.indiana.edu/html/survey\\_instruments.cfm](https://nsse.indiana.edu/html/survey_instruments.cfm)



### Topical Module: First-Year Experiences and Senior Transitions

*This module includes a set of items only for first-year students and a set only for seniors (based on institution-reported class level), with questions adapted from the Beginning College Survey of Student Engagement and the Strategic National Arts Alumni Project (with partial support from the National Endowment for the Arts), respectively. The first-year items focus on academic perseverance, help-seeking behaviors, and institutional commitment, while the senior items explore post-graduation plans, links between the academic major and future plans, and confidence in skill development.*

#### FIRST-YEAR EXPERIENCES

##### 1. During the current school year, about how often have you done the following?

	Very often O	Often O	Sometimes O	Never O
a. Studied when there were other interesting things to do	O	O	O	O
b. Found additional information for course assignments when you didn't understand the material	O	O	O	O
c. Participated in course discussions, even when you didn't feel like it	O	O	O	O
d. Asked instructors for help when you struggled with course assignments	O	O	O	O
e. Finished something you had started when you encountered challenges	O	O	O	O
f. Stayed positive, even when you did poorly on a test or assignment	O	O	O	O

##### 2. During the current school year, how difficult have the following been for you?

	Not at all difficult 1 O	2 O	3 O	4 O	5 O	Very difficult 6 O
a. Learning course material	O	O	O	O	O	O
b. Managing your time	O	O	O	O	O	O
c. Getting help with school work	O	O	O	O	O	O
d. Interacting with faculty	O	O	O	O	O	O

##### 3. During the current school year, about how often have you sought help with coursework from the following sources?

	Very often O	Often O	Sometimes O	Never O
a. Faculty members	O	O	O	O
b. Academic advisors	O	O	O	O
c. Learning support services (tutoring, writing center, success coaching, etc.)	O	O	O	O
d. Friends or other students	O	O	O	O
e. Family members	O	O	O	O
f. Other persons or offices	O	O	O	O

##### 4a. During the current school year, have you seriously considered leaving this institution?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

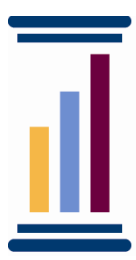
[Only if "Yes"]

##### 4b. Why did you consider leaving? (Select all that apply.)

- ☐ Academics are too difficult
- ☐ Academics are too easy
- ☐ Other academic issues (major not offered, course availability, advising, credit transfer, etc.)
- ☐ Financial concerns (costs or financial aid)
- ☐ To change your career options (transfer to another school or program, military service, etc.)
- ☐ Difficulty managing demands of school and work
- ☐ Too much emphasis on partying
- ☐ Not enough opportunities to socialize and have fun
- ☐ Relations with faculty and staff
- ☐ Relations with other students
- ☐ Campus climate, location, or culture
- ☐ Unsafe or hostile environment
- ☐ Personal reasons (family issues, physical or mental health, homesickness, stress, etc.)
- ☐ A reason not listed above, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

##### 5. How important is it to you that you graduate from this institution?

Not important 1 O	2 O	3 O	4 O	5 O	Very important 6 O
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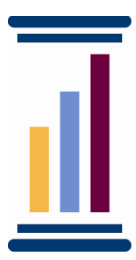


# BCSSE as a Complement to NSSE

**BCSSE 2019 and NSSE 2020 Combined Report** provides a comprehensive, longitudinal view of entering first-year expectations and actual engagement near end of academic year.

## **BCSSE content aligned with NSSE (core survey)**

1. Learning Strategies
2. Quantitative Reasoning
3. Collaborative Learning
4. Student-Faculty Interaction
5. Discussions with Diverse others
6. Hours studying, working, etc
7. Writing experiences and more



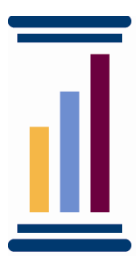
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**NSSE First-Year Topical Module:** **36%** of FY students indicated that they *seriously considered leaving* the institution at some point during the year.

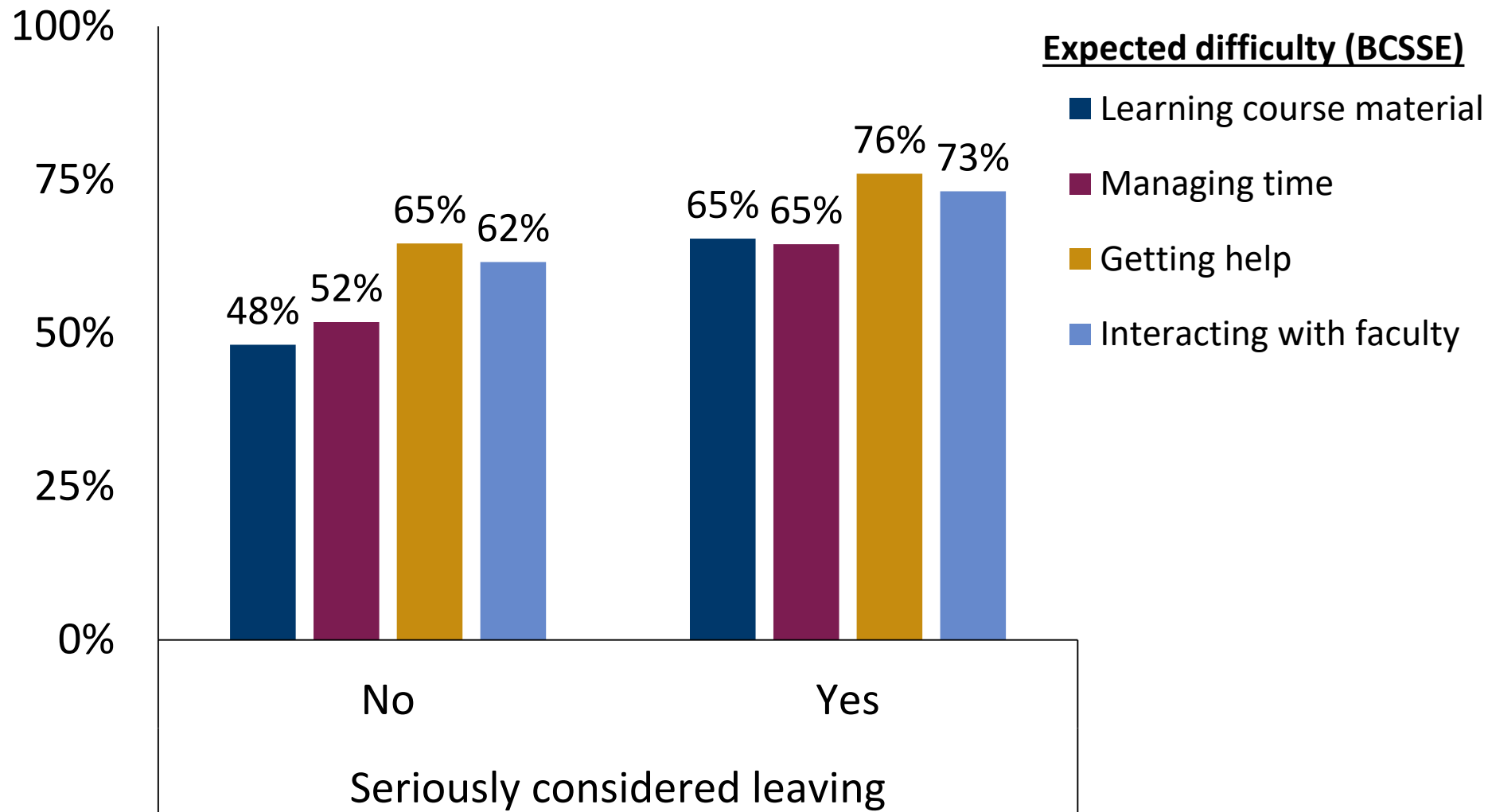
*Who were these 36%?*

- 40% of FG students and 33% of non-FG
- 38% of females and 29% of males

**We also know that many FY students expect to face academic difficulty during the coming year.**



# Institutional Data Use







# Additional Data Use Resources

*Lessons from the Field (Volume 4)*

[nsse.indiana.edu/pdf/LFF\\_4.pdf](https://nsse.indiana.edu/pdf/LFF_4.pdf)

Search Tool for Examples of NSSE, FSSE, and BCSSE Data Use

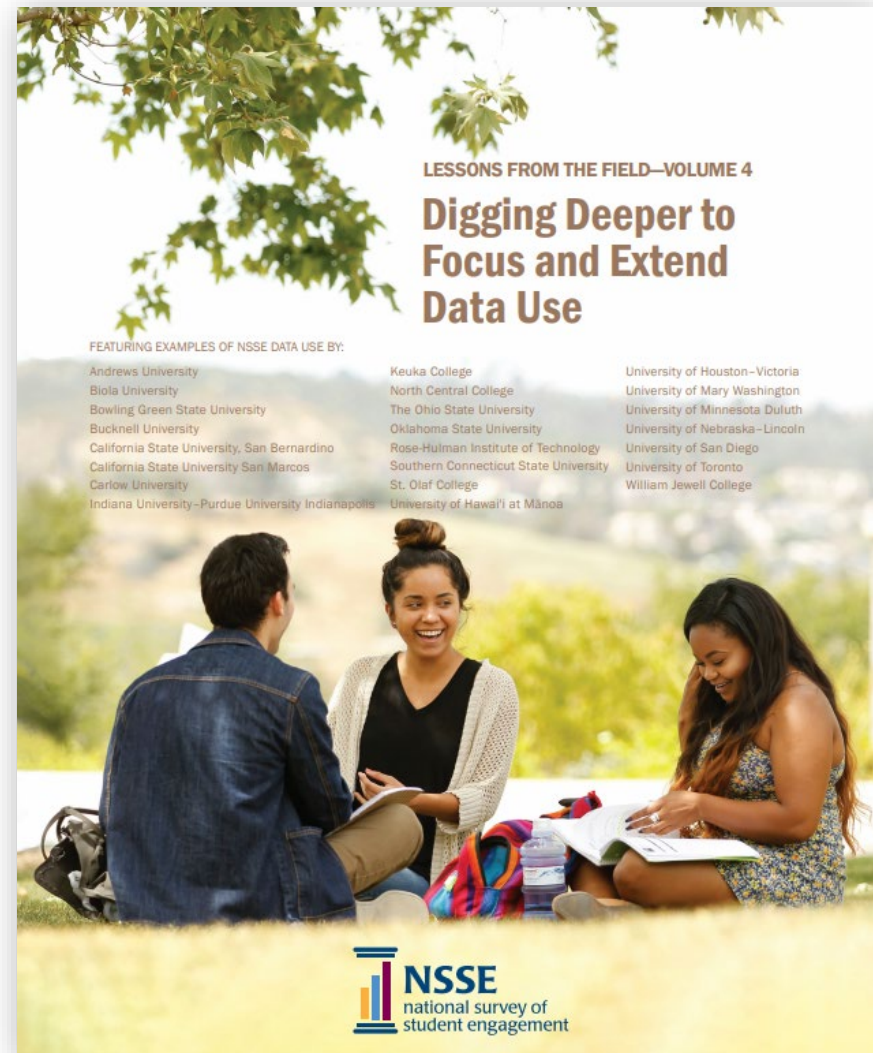
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Using Your BCSSE Data

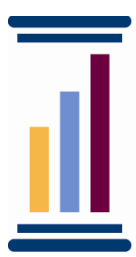
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How Institutions use NSSE Data

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# BCSSE Costs



# BCSSE Costs

## First-Year Students entering in summer/fall

**Registration Fee:** \$300

### Surveying first-year students

#### Paper Mode

Paper surveys shipped

up to 200 surveys	\$500
201 or more surveys	\$2.50/survey

#### Online Mode

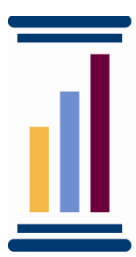
First-year enrollment<sup>a</sup>

up to 500 students	\$750
501 to 1,000 students	\$1,000
1,001 to 2,000 students	\$1,500
2,001 to 3,000 students	\$2,500
3,001 to 4,000 students	\$3,500
more than 4,000 students	\$4,500

a. Entering student enrollment is based on most recent IPEDS data available.

#### Mixed Mode (Paper and Online)

Online mode fee plus discounted paper survey price of \$2.00 per shipped survey.



# BCSSE Costs

## Transfer or Delayed-Entering Students entering in summer/fall (Web mode only)

Institutions Previously Registered to Survey First-Year Students  
(no limit on number of transfer or delayed-entry students) \$500

– OR –

Institutions Not Registered to Survey First-Year Students.

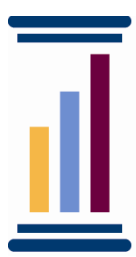
Fee based on total enrollment of transfer and delayed-entry students (by most recent IPEDS data)

Up to 500 students	\$750
501 to 1,000 students	\$1,000
More than 1,000 students	\$1,500

### **Surveying New Entering Winter-Admitted Students**

**Online mode only**

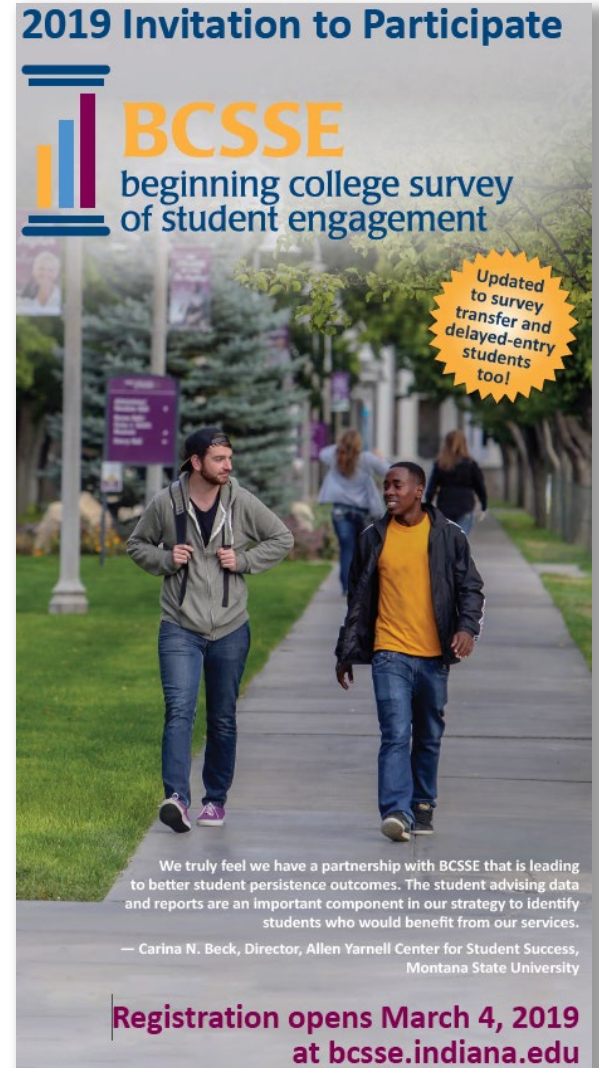
Winter administration fee: \$350

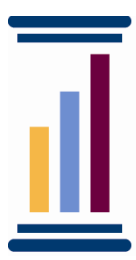


# BCSSE Registration

Registration is opens March 4, 2019 and stays open through the summer.

More information can be found in the BCSSE Invitation to Participate or at **[bcsse.indiana.edu](https://bcsse.indiana.edu)**





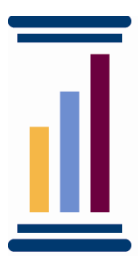
# BCSSE and NSSE Resources

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- ❖ Using NSSE Data
- ❖ Free Webinars
- ❖ NSSE Accreditation Toolkits
- ❖ Lessons from the Field
- ❖ Papers, Presentations, and upcoming workshops and more

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# THANK YOU!

**Please contact me with any questions or comments.**

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